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EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE

LIPIDS AND METHODS OF

PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID

VESICLES ENCAPSULATING LIPIDS

USING SAID MICROORGANISMS

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows: